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From: Kluesner, Dave
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 6:17 PM
To: Mugdan, Walter; Mears, Mary
Subject: Re: 8/14 Update on Union PFAS Testing Local Communication

While this is positive news, confirmation with NJDEP of their awareness and approach on the matter is important in advance of the test.

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On Aug 14, 2020, at 6:10 PM, Watkins, Tim <Watkins.Tim@epa.gov> wrote:

Walter, Mary, Dave –

Please see the update and information below from one of our contacts from Covanta regarding their contacts with local community representatives.

Have a good weekend.

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Subject: 8/14 Update on Union PFAS Testing Local Communication

Brian, Tim & Emily,

Scott Henderson, who you spoke with earlier this week, and Jack Bernardino, the facility business manager, have been reaching out to our local contacts as we discussed. A quick update on our local communication to date:

- While the mayor of Rahway was held over and was unable to attend, we met with Robert M. Landolfi, Rahway's Business Administrator (town manager), Matthew Pukavich, Assistant to the Business Administrator, and Joe Brown, Human Resources and Organization Development. They were all aware of the project, did not raise any concerns, and were pleased that the work was being done – they have had their own experience with PFAS and its challenges with the management of water treatment filters.
- We had a positive meeting with Ronald McCray, Rahway resident and Fourth Ward Councilman Dave Brown to explain the project. These are two of three community members we meet with monthly as part of our on-going communication.
- We've spoken with Assemblyman James Kennedy about the project.
- We have not been in touch with Rahway Rising at this point in time. This group appears to be focused on development issues in downtown Rahway, and none of our contacts have brought them up in the context of this project or in the operation of the facility.

We will keep you informed of any other conversations we have.

Best regards,

Mike

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Subject: Union PFAS Testing Local Communication

Brian & Tim,

The group we meet with regularly consists of Councilman Dave Brown, Pastor Marti Robinson of Ebenezer Church, and Mr. Ron McCray, local resident and former NAACP president. Fortuitously, our next scheduled call with them is this Friday, during which we'll give them a heads-up of the PFAS sampling scheduled for later in the month.

We'll be reaching out to the local state assemblyman, James Kennedy, and the Mayor of Rahway soon and will let you know when that's complete.

Downtown Rahway has been undergoing a lot of development in the past few years where old downtown structures are being replaced with very expensive condos. We think this is the impetus behind the Rahway rising group, but we'll confirm.

I didn't have your colleague's e-mail address, could you forward to her?

Thanks,

Mike

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